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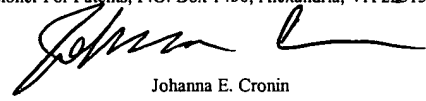
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, kindly amend the claims as published in PCT/NZ2004/000246 as follows: